

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated January 26, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 33 and 34 are withdrawn in this application. Claims 1-8 and 24-32 are rejected to by the Examiner. Claim 1 has been amended, and claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 1, 3-8 and 24-32 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-8 and 24-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,309,081 to Furihata (hereinafter "Furihata").

The rejection of claims 1-8 and 24-32 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1-8 and 30 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a main support containing said liquid crystal display panel and said light guide panel," "a protrusion projecting a fixed distance from a surface of said main support," "a hole formed in the reflector receiving said protrusion," and "wherein the protrusion and hole fix said reflector and said main support." Claims 24-27 and 31 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a main support" and "a protrusion extending a predetermined distance from a surface of the main support." Claims 28-29 and 32 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a main support adjacent to the bottom cover" and "a protrusion extending a predetermined distance from a surface of the main support and engaged with the first hole." None of the cited references including the ARA and Furihata, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

In the Office Action, the Examiner admits that the ARA does not disclose "said main support." The Examiner cites Furihata as disclosing this feature of the claimed invention. Furihata fails to disclose a main support. Further, the Examiner cites the projections 21 of Furihata as "a protrusion extending a predetermined distance from a surface of the main support." The projection 21 actually projects from the light guide plate, which is completely different from the claimed projection projecting from the main support. The Examiner then

states that one could modify the ARA and per the teachings of Furihata to result in additional holes, extensions, and protrusions that would read on Applicant's claims as presently broadly written and broadly interpreted. This conclusion is without support, and Applicant's request that the Examiner provide the basis for this statement. Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 24-32 are allowable over the cited art.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.


If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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